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MARYLAND BOARD OF PHARMACY

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November 9, 2012

Dear Wholesale Distributor Permit Holder:

Please be advised that effective July 1, 2012, the expiration date for wholesale distributor permits with the Maryland Board of Pharmacy (the "Board") has changed from December 31 to May 31. *See* Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 12-6C-06(a) (2012 Supplement). This change will allow permit holders to avoid processing concerns created by an end-of-year expiration date.

Wholesale distributor permits currently set to expire December 31, 2012, are valid until May 31, 2013. New permits will not be issued. This letter may be presented as proof of an active permit between January 1, 2013, and May 31, 2013. Permit statuses can also be verified on the Board's website at: https://egovpharmacy.dhmh.maryland.gov/verification/Search.aspx?facility=Y

Please share this information with appropriate individuals in your organization. This information is also available on the Board's website at: dhmh.maryland.gov/pharmacy, under *News Updates*.

Renewal notices will be sent out in February 2013, and the online renewal process will be available on or around April 1, 2013. The renewal fee remains unchanged. If you have any questions, please contact me at (410) 764-4759. Thank you in advance for your assistance and patience during this transition.

Sincerely,

LaVerne G. Naesea Executive Director

cc: Doris James, Acting Licensing Unit Manager

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